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MARCH MILK PRODUCTION

Kentucky milk production for March 2002 totaled 153 million pounds, up 13 percent from last month and up 2 percent from March 2001. Average number of milk cows, at 123,000 head, was unchanged from last month and down 4,000 head from March 2001. Milk per cow averaged 1,245 pounds, up 145 pounds from last month and up 65 pounds from last year.

Milk production in the 20 major States during March totaled 12.8 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from March 2001.

February revised production, at 11.4 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from February 2001. The February revision represented a decrease of 0.5 percent or 56 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,650 pounds for March, 51 pounds above March 2001. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 2,000 head more than March 2001, and 1,000 head more than February 2002.

MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION FOR MARCH, SELECTED STATES

STATE	Milk Cows <u>1/</u>		Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u>		Production <u>2/</u>		2002 as % of 2001
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	
	Thousands		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
CA	1,572	1,631	1,790	1,825	2,814	2,977	106
IL	117	115	1,580	1,620	185	186	101
IN	151	152	1,455	1,470	220	223	101
KY	127	123	1,180	1,245	150	153	102
MO	148	138	1,200	1,335	178	184	103
OH	262	260	1,410	1,540	369	400	108
VA	118	120	1,425	1,440	168	173	103
WI	1,300	1,276	1,495	1,510	1,944	1,927	99
20 State Total	7,743	7,745	1,599	1,650	12,384	12,778	103

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

U. S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, FEBRUARY 2002

PRODUCT	Feb. 2001	Jan. 2002 <u>1/</u>	Feb. 2002	Percent of Feb. 01 Jan. 02	
	(000) Pounds			Percent	
BUTTER	110,175	140,687	125,467	114	89
CHEESE					
American Types <u>2/</u>	274,753	315,166	288,642	105	92
Mozzarella	214,093	224,114	209,302	98	93
All Other Types <u>3/</u>	143,313	158,280	146,529	102	93
Total	632,159	697,560	644,473	102	92
	(000) Gallons			Percent	
FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream (Hard)	67,138	70,004	70,961	106	101
Frozen Yogurt (Total)	6,428	5,976	6,361	99	106
MIX FOR FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream Mix	37,457	38,007	38,348	102	101
Yogurt Mix	3,781	3,515	3,742	99	106

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack. 3/ Includes Swiss, Cream and all other types. Excludes cottage cheese.

**WHEAT: POSTHARVEST CHEMICAL APPLICATIONS,
PERCENT TREATED AND TOTAL APPLIED,
STATES SURVEYED AND TOTAL, 2000 MARKETING YEAR**

State	Volume Handled Mil. Bu.	Percent Treated and Total Applied					
		Insecticide		Fungicide		Other Chemical	
		Percent	1,000 Lbs.	Percent	1,000 Lbs.	Percent	1,000 Lbs.
CO	75.8	18.49	10.3				
ID	68.4	15.30	9.4				
KS	343.4	35.18	24.3				
MN	163.4	0.78	1.0				
MO	97.5	28.06	14.4	*	*		
MT	136.2	4.32	5.4	*	*		
NE	98.0	25.63	18.7				
ND	320.0	2.48	2.0				
OH	110.9	12.46	11.4				
OK	214.4	48.87	29.8				
OR	173.4	19.60	57.1	*	*		
SD	92.0	5.96	2.2				
TX	426.6	44.78	43.4	*	*		
WA	608.2	9.54	65.6				
Total	2,928.2	21.17	295.0	0.01	7.6		

* Insufficient reports to publish data for this pesticide class.

**WHEAT: POSTHARVEST CHEMICAL APPLICATIONS
IN STATES SURVEYED, 2000 MARKETING YEAR ^{1/} ^{2/}**

Agricultural Chemical	Volume Treated	Applications	Rate per Application	Rate per Mkt. Year	Total Applied
	Percent	Number	Pounds per 1,000 Bu.		1,000 Lbs
Insecticides:					
Aluminum phosphide	18.43	1.0	0.21	0.21	115.4
Chlorpyrifos-methyl	2.09	1.0	0.30	0.31	18.9
Malathion	1.05	1.0	0.48	0.48	14.9
Methyl bromide	0.35	1.0	1.82	1.85	19.0
Silica gel	0.05	1.0	1.03	1.03	1.6
Silicon dioxide	0.32	1.0	11.58	12.10	112.6
Fungicides:					
Tebuconazole	0.01	1.0	0.93	0.93	0.2

^{1/} Volume handled by grain storage facilities in the fourteen States surveyed was 2.9 billion bushels. States included are CO, ID, KS, MN, MO, MT, NE, ND, OH, OK, OR, SD, TX, and WA. ^{2/} Insufficient reports to publish usage data for carbon dioxide, cyfluthrin, imidacloprid, lindane, phosphine gas, and thiamethoxam as insecticides; and carboxin, difenoconazole, imazalil, metalazyl, pentachloronitrobenzene, propionic acid, and thiram as fungicides.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.58 million head on April 1, 2002. The inventory was almost one-half percent above April 1, 2001 and 3 percent above April 1, 2000. The inventory included 7.23 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.30 million head, down 4 percent from 2001.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.95 million, 6 percent above 2001 but 4 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.88 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 314,000, 600-699 pounds were 372,000, 700-799 pounds were 702,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 565,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.83 million, 5 percent below 2001 and 11 percent below 2000. **Other disappearance** totaled 69,000 during March, 30 percent below 2001 and 33 percent below 2000.

CATTLE ON FEED 7 STATES 1/

Cattle on feed April 1, 2002, in the 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.93 million, up 1 percent from the previous year and 4 percent above April 1, 2000. The inventory included 6.18 million steers and steer calves, up 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.72 million head, down 5 percent from 2001.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.65 million, 8 percent above 2001 but 5 percent below 2000.

Marketings during March totaled 1.57 million, 2 percent below 2001 and 11 percent below 2000.

Other disappearance during March was 60,000 head, 25 percent below 2001 and 19 percent below 2000.

1/AZ, CA, CO, IA, KS, NE, and TX.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.68 billion pounds in March, down 2 percent from the 3.76 billion pounds produced in March 2001. March 2001 contained 22 weekdays and 5 Saturdays. March 2002 contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays. Beef production, at 2.06 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.74 million head, down 6 percent from March 2001. The average live weight was 1,241 pounds up 42 pounds from March a year ago. Pork production totaled 1.58 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.98 million head, 4 percent below March 2001. The average live weight was 267 pounds up 3 pounds from March a year ago.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: UNITED STATES & KENTUCKY 1/

Type	March 2001	February 2002	March 2002	March 02 % of	
				March 2001	February 2002
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,096	1,987	2,059	98	104
Veal	16.5	14.3	15.0	91	105
Pork	1,626	1,482	1,581	97	107
Lamb & Mutton	23.4	17.6	22.3	95	126
Total U.S.	3,762	3,501	3,677	98	105
Total Kentucky	35.3	32.7	35.3	100	108

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER: KENTUCKY & U.S. MARCH 2001 & 2002 1/

Type	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 head		1,000 lbs.		Pounds	
Kentucky						
Cattle	1.4	1.4	1,229	1,207	868	854
Hogs	172.7	173.9	46,144	46,245	267	266
Sheep & Lambs	0.4	0.7	72	96	176	146
United States						
Cattle	2,918.4	2,737.3	3,498,283	3,397,253	1,199	1,241
Hogs	8,329.1	7,981.2	2,198,127	2,131,688	264	267
Sheep & Lambs	328.6	324.5	47,029	44,683	143	138

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on March 31, 2002 were greater than a year earlier levels for beef, poultry, pork, red meat, vegetables, and potatoes. Cooler stocks of pecans were also above last year.

All U S. Warehouse Stocks				Mar 02 as % of	
Commodity	Mar 31 2001	Feb 28 2002	Mar 31 2002	Mar 2001	Feb 2002
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken:					
Broilers (Whole)	15,585	26,981	29,271	188	108
Other Chicken	620,881	694,037	753,378	120	108
Total Chicken <u>1/</u>	642,952	725,095	787,574	122	109
Turkey	355,764	409,866	443,787	125	108
Total Frozen Poultry <u>2/</u>	1,003,599	1,142,058	1,238,071	123	108
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	332,598	440,819	413,094	124	94
Pork:					
Bellies	45,440	57,569	61,000	134	106
Total Frozen Pork <u>3/</u>	432,300	505,215	528,001	122	105
Total Meat <u>4/</u>	787,938	966,294	960,578	122	99

1/ Includes broilers, hens and other chickens. 2/ Includes chicken, turkey and ducks. 3/ Includes picnics, hams, bellies, loins, ribs, trimmings, and other frozen pork. 4/ Includes frozen beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton, other frozen meat, canned hams, and other canned meat.

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